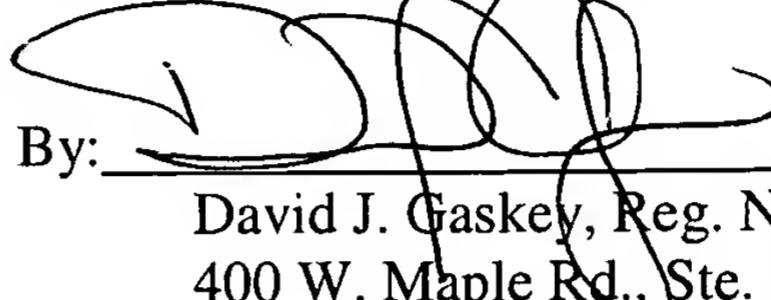


REMARKS

The amendments made above are clerical in nature and do not impact the scope of the claims. Examination of this application, is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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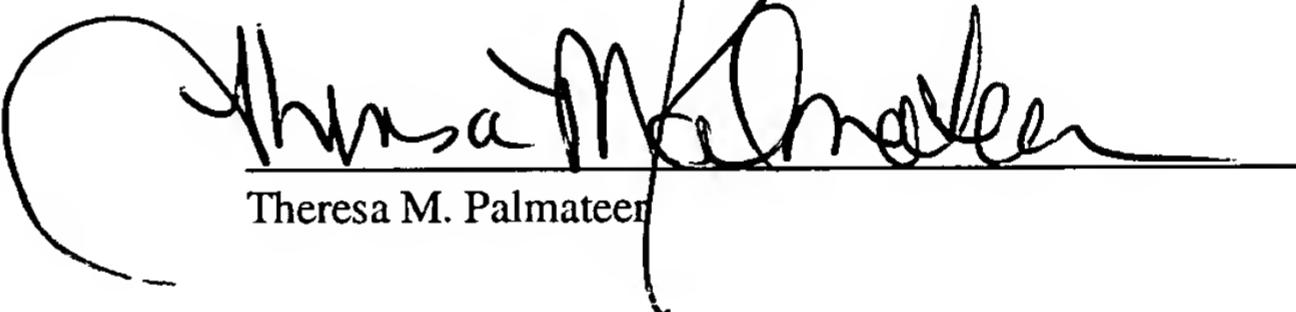
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